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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Public Record Request VITALS-2019-28

This letter is in regard to the above referenced public record request received by the Department of Public Health (DPH) on February 21, 2019. This request has been assigned a tracking number: VITALS-2019-28. Specifically, you requested:

“All documents on or related to adoptees born between July 17, 1974 and January 1, 2008 trying to gain access to OBCs. If there is a document/database listing the number of OBC request denials per year, please include that as well.”

DPH has not identified any records in its custody and control that are responsive to your request.

DPH does not retain any information related to requests that cannot be processed. Requests for records related to adoptees born between July 17, 1974 and January 1, 2008, or requests for records that cannot be processed for any other reason, are returned to the requestor along with a form letter that provides an explanation as to why the request cannot be processed.

DPH now considers this public records request closed. If you wish to challenge this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Records following the procedure set forth in 950 CMR 32.08, a copy of which is attached. Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A, you may also seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk superior court.

Please contact Ann Scales 617-624-5253 with any questions. In any communication regarding this request, please reference the assigned tracking number VITALS-2019-28.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Rush-Lloyd".

Helen Rush-Lloyd
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cc: Ann Scales, Media Relations Manager

